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WASHINGTON, APRIL 26 (AP)-AS A SHOWDOWN APPEARED NEAR ON DEMANDS FOR A TIGHTER CONGRESSIONAL REIN ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE GROUP THAT OVERSEES CIA OPERATIONS EXPRESSED BELIEF TODAY THAT STRONGER CONTROLS WERE NOT NEEDED.

THESE VIEWS BY SEN. MILTON R. YOUNG, R-N.D., MAY BE A TIP-OFF THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., CHAIRMAN OF THE CIA WATCHDOG GROUP, WILL REJECT A MOVE FOR STRICTER SUPERVISION--AND POSSIBLY INVITE A SENATE FLOOR FIGHT.

YOUNG VOICED BELIEF IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE SPY AGENCY DIDN'T NEED TIGHTER SUPERVISION "BECAUSE THERE IS A CIVILIAN COMMITTEE THAT WATCHES THE CIA VERY CLOSELY AND REPORTS TO THE PRESIDENT EVERY DAY."

YOUNG WAS REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD WHOSE ROLE WAS STRENGTHENED AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE CIA-MANAGED BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION CHECK ON THE SPY AGENCY, YOUNG SAID, WAS THE SHARP PENCIL OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET.

HIS FOR DEMANDS FROM SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., AND SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT THE WATCHDOG GROUP BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMITTEE, YOUNG SAID HE THOUGHT THE WATCHDOG GROUP SHOULD BE SMALLER RATHER THAN BIGGER.

REFLECTING A VIEW THAT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CAN'T BE SUPERVISED BY A TOWN HALL MEETING, YOUNG OBSERVED "YOU ARE DEALING WITH SECRET OPERATIONS. INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS ARE VERY DIFFICULT IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY."

THE DEMANDS FOR A TIGHTER CONGRESSIONAL CHECK REIN ON THE CIA BOILED UP AGAIN AS THE HUSH-HUSH INTELLIGENCE OPERATION MADE HEADLINES RECENTLY IN TWO INCIDENTS.

IN ONE, THE CIA WAS ACCUSED OF PLANTING AGENTS IN A MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY-ADMINISTERED FOREIGN AID PROJECT IN VIET NAM. ANOTHER WAS THE AGENCY'S INTERCESSION IN A BALTIMORE SLANDER TRIAL ON BEHALF OF ONE OF ITS AGENTS.

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